



FOURMOUNTAIN COUNTY

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NE. HOPE CHURCH-- HIGHLAND COUNTY (LUTHERAN)

This church was built in 1893 through the efforts of Henry White, Sr., and his family who came to Southards Creek in 1876. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. P. A. Lautenschlaeger. The ordained elders and trustees were B. Frank White and H. Lee White.

Before building the church they held occasional services by Lutheran pastors in their homes, near by churches, and in school houses. For some years after the building of the church the congregation was supplied by ministers from the south branch charge of Highland County, Virginia, of which this church was made a part. Later it was made a congregation of its own along with Valley Center Virginia. Rev. F. L. Snapp served as pastor during 1895, then Rev. G. H. Paffenberger was pastor of the church from 1900 to 1904. Since that time there has been no regular pastor, but the pulpit has been filled by an occasional visiting pastor.

In 1894, a union Sunday school was organized with B. F. Fleckner as Supt., and H. Lee White as assistant. There was an enrollment of 63 members. Since that time a Sunday school has been in progress. Some of the Supts. have been Rev. F. L. Snapp, Rev. Paffenberger, P. W. Rexrode and H. Lee White. To this time this little band of Lutherans have been loyal to the church of their choice.

In 1895, the Peachontal County singing Association, which was quite an organization for the betterment of church music, met in this church. In 1907, a community Christmas tree and Sunday school entertainent was held here. This was the first community project carried out in the Huntersville District, and was very much enjoyed by all. On July 12, 1912, the Huntersville district Sunday school convention was held in this church. M. Lee White was President and J. C. Harper was secretary of the association. Again on October 6, 1919 the convention was held here. F. J. Seaside was Pres., and G. M. Sharp was Sec.

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Community--Mrs. Sidney Wilson-1928

For the last four years the Rev. J. Kullman of Mendleton County has been pastor of this church. At the present time there are sixteen confirmed members, most of them members of the White family. The members are as follows: Mrs. H. Lee White, Arnett White, Mrs. Arnett White, Maudie White Kullman, Mrs. E. Frank White, Lucille White Kemphaker, Elroy Paupstaker, Ruth White, Mirtrude White, Mrs. Robert Esoline, Arlie White, Ernest White, Gladys White Moore, Hanson Moore, Mrs. Needa Laugh, Clarence White and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crummett.

I should find no lead to this church. It was built on land belonging to Henry White and has remained in the White family. No other denomination has ever been permitted to use this church. Some of the records are kept in the county as the pastors have since come here from Virginia or some other county. Some of them are also refiled here and so far as I now know this is the only Lutheran church in the county.

Part C - Section 2

Worship Church - Summary

The following is the history of the worship church for the year 1900-1901.

The annual Bible school was held in July. Sessions were held at night with a class for adults.

In August, 1900 the pastor's salary was increased from \$250.00 per month to \$300.00. During this month the Presbyterian Church was dismissed from our district and became self-supporting.

In October, Rev. J. Whifflet was a visiting minister and held a series of services at the church. His sermons were full of grace and his personality and his sermons were full of building and inspiring.

During the month of November, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Williford, the church set aside a day as the first "Day of Ingathering". At ten o'clock the congregation gathered at the church, bringing with them their first fruits.

A short program was arranged by the pastor. Mr. Edwin Price of Hamilton was speaker. At twelve o'clock the ladies of the church set out a beautiful lunch which all those congregation enjoyed. After lunch a sale of the fruit proceeds which were brought in was held. The sum of \$100.00 was realized. Thus is the beginning of a new era which is believed to be one of the best methods of collecting

to provide the work of the country church.

The church this year paid up the amount to the kin-
sham's Amity Fund.

August 21-23, 1936 - The Minister, Rev. A. D. Willford, &
the song director to a group of boy and girls from the
different churches in the territory, at Camp Anate on Lee
Cature river in Virginia.